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- **Receipts at B.C.'s food services and drinking places increased 6.0% in May**
- **The B.C. traveller accommodation services price index rose 4.9% in June**

The Economy

- **Gross sales of gasoline (*on which road taxes were paid*) in British Columbia declined 1.2% in 2012, to 4.7 million litres.** Net sales of diesel oil fell to 1.8 million litres (-20.7%), following a 20.8% increase in 2011.

  Nationally, gross sales of gasoline dipped to 42.0 billion litres (-0.1%), as Ontario (-1.1%), Quebec (-1.2%), Manitoba (-1.3%), and Nova Scotia (-0.2%) all recorded lower sales. In Alberta, gross sales of gasoline were 4.2% higher than in 2011 (+6.3%).

  Data Source: Statistics Canada

- **The value of receipts at British Columbia's food services and drinking places increased 6.0% (*unadjusted, current dollars*) in May, compared to the same month of 2012.** After seven months of declines, revenues at drinking places edged up 0.7%. Revenues at full-service restaurants (+8.1%), which account for 45% of total receipts, increased at the highest rate. Receipts at limited-service eating places were up 4.1%, while providers of special food services (*catering and mobile food services*) saw receipts rise 7.7%.

  Data Source: Statistics Canada

Tourism

- **The traveller accommodation services price index in British Columbia rose 4.9% (*2012/01=100*) in June, compared to the same month of 2012.** This was the largest increase recorded since November 2011 (+5.2%). Prices for leisure clients were up 4.3%, while business clientele saw rates climb 5.6% after four consecutive months of decline.

  Nationally, prices for traveller accommodation services were up 1.4%, with most of the increase falling on business clients (+2.0%), as prices for leisure clientele edged up 0.6%. The increase in prices in B.C. came in below Prince Edward Island (+10.2%), but above Nova Scotia (+4.6%), Manitoba (+4.0%), Alberta (+2.0%), and Saskatchewan (+1.4%). Prices fell in Quebec (-1.5%) and Ontario (-0.3%). *Data Source: Statistics Canada*

Science & Technology

- **Federal expenditure on science & technology and its components totalled $886 million in 2011/2012 (-4.1%).** All of the performing sectors had lower expenditures, with higher education, which accounts for 52% of total expenditure, recording a reduction of 4.2%. Business enterprise expenditure fell (-2.2%) following a 21.2% rise in 2010/2011, while intramural federal government expenditure dropped 1.3%.

  Total expenditure in natural sciences and engineering fell 6.2%, with research and development (-4.0%) and related scientific activities (-13.4%) both recording lower expenditure. On the other hand, expenditure in social sciences and humanities (+10.1%) increased in both research and development (+8.7%) and related scientific activities (+12.8%). *Data Source: Statistics Canada*

- **There were 1,751 (+1.6%) federal personnel engaged in science & technology and its components in British Columbia in 2011/2012.** The number of personnel engaged in related scientific activities grew to 1,055 (+3.6%), following a 5.7% reduction in

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2010/2011. Scientific and professional personnel levels in related scientific activities fell (-2.4%) for the second year in a row, while an 8.6% increase in technical and other personnel offset a 5.7% decline in 2010/2011. There were 696 (-1.4%) research and development personnel, with the number of scientific and professional personnel dropping (-2.9%), while federal employees in technical and other personnel positions was flat, at 356.

Data Source: Statistics Canada

Crime

- **There were 11,979 police-reported incidents of fraud in British Columbia in 2012, down 2.4% from 2011.** Incidents of identity theft rose 5.5%, to 212, while identity fraud incidents increased 15.6%, to 1,917. There were 52 (-63.0%) incidents of counterfeiting.

Data Source: Statistics Canada

- **Total police-reported weapons violations in B.C. fell to 3,331 (-4.6%) in 2012.** There were fewer incidents related to offensive weapons (-2.6%, *explosives*), weapons trafficking (-1.0%), weapons possession contrary to order (-2.3%), possession of weapons (-3.9%), unauthorized importing or exporting of weapons (-8.3%), firearms documentation or administration (-25.1%), and unsafe storage of firearms (-8.9%). *Data Source: Statistics Canada*

- **There were 25,432 (-7.4%) police-reported incidents of drug violations in B.C. in 2012.** Incidents relating to possession of cannabis, which account for 60% of drug violation incidents, fell 10.0%. Cannabis trafficking incidents fell 20.6%, to 1,006, while incidents of importation & exportation fell 40.6%. Incidents related to the production of marijuana declined 4.6% following a 28.6% drop in 2011.

  Cocaine possession incidents inched up 0.9%, to 2,572, while trafficking (-12.7%) and importation & exportation (-22.7%) incidents both declined. Incidents of heroin possession surged 30.6%, to 500, with trafficking incidents totalling 224 (+36.9%). There were 653 incidents of methamphetamine (*crystal meth*) possession, up 20.0% over the 2011 figure, and 110.6% higher than 2009.

Data Source: Statistics Canada

The Nation

- **Canada's gross domestic product (GDP) edged up 0.2% (*seasonally adjusted, 2007 chained dollars*) to $1.6 billion dollars in May.** The service sector (+0.5%) supported the growth, expanding for the fifth consecutive month, while production in the goods-producing sector fell (-0.3%) for the second month in a row.

  Activity in retail (+1.8%) and wholesale (+1.4%) trade, along with real estate, rental & leasing (+0.4%) was the main source of the increase. Moderate gains were also recorded in professional, scientific & technical services (+0.3%), health care & social assistance (+0.3%), and educational services (+0.3%). Output in transportation & warehousing (-0.3%) fell following three months of growth, and public administration was flat on the heels of a three-month stretch of declines.

  In the goods-producing sector (-0.3%), the second largest industry, mining, quarrying, and oil & gas extraction (-1.7%), slipped for the second month in row. The utilities (-0.4%) industry dipped, while agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting (+0.9%), and manufacturing (+0.3%) saw moderate growth. Construction was flat following two months of decline. *Data Source: Statistics Canada*

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BC at a glance . . .

POPULATION (thousands)	Apr 1/2013	% change on one year ago
BC	4,650.0	0.9
Canada	35,141.5	1.1
GDP and INCOME (Released Nov 19)		
(BC - at market prices)	2011	% change on one year ago
Gross Domestic Product (GDP) *($ millions)*	217,749	4.5
GDP *($ 2007 millions)*	206,180	2.8
GDP *($ 2007 per Capita)*	45,083	1.8
Household Sector Disposable Income *($ 2007 per Capita)*	26,788	0.9
TRADE ($ millions, seasonally adjusted)		% change on prev. month
Manufacturing Shipments - May 2013	3,404	1.6
Merchandise Exports - May 2013	2,810	3.3
Retail Sales - May 2013	5,152	0.4
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	% change on	12-month avg
(all items - Jun 2013)	one year ago	% change
BC	-0.5	0.3
Vancouver	-0.4	0.5
Victoria	-0.8	0.1
Canada	1.2	1.0
LABOUR FORCE (thousands)		
(seasonally adjusted)	Jun 2013	% change on prev. month
Jobs Created (-Lost) - BC	8.9	
Labour Force - BC	2,477.3	-0.1
Employed - BC	2,320.7	0.4
Unemployed - BC	156.6	-7.0
		May 2013
Unemployment Rate - BC *(percent)*	6.3	6.8
Unemployment Rate - Canada *(percent)*	7.1	7.1
INTEREST RATES (percent)	Jul 31/2013	Aug 1/2012
Prime Business Rate	3.00	3.00
Conventional Mortgages - 1 year	3.14	3.10
- 5 year	5.14	5.24
US-CANADA EXCHANGE RATE	Jul 31/2013	Aug 1/2012
(avg. noon spot rate) Cdn $ per US $	1.0287	1.0017
(closing rate) US $ per Cdn $	0.9735	0.9948
AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE		% change on
(industrial aggregate - dollars)	Jun 2013	one year ago
BC	869.32	2.2
Canada	882.66	2.2

SOURCES:

Population, Gross Domestic Product, Trade, Prices, Labour Force, Wage Rate } Statistics Canada

Interest Rates, Exchange Rates: Bank of Canada Weekly Financial Statistics

For latest Weekly Financial Statistics see www.bankofcanada.ca

BC Community Health Atlas

On June 24th, the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA), which partnered with a number of organizations including BC Stats, announced the release of the BC Community Health Atlas. Read about it here:
http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/AboutUs/News/13-06-28/BC_Community_Health_Atlas.aspx

2011 Census Profiles

We have added files for Health geographies, School Districts, College Regions and Ministry of Children and Family Development Regions. The file layout matches the other 2011 Profiles, simplifying comparisons to many areas . See more:
http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/StatisticsBySubject/Census/OpenData.aspx

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http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/StatisticsBySubject/Census/OpenData.aspx

Population Estimates by Age and Sex 2012

Updated population estimates by age and sex for B.C. sub-provincial regions are now available. . . See more:
http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/StatisticsBySubject/Demography/PopulationEstimates.aspx

B.C. Fisheries and Aquaculture Sector

The 2012 edition of the profile of British Columbia's fisheries and aquaculture sector is now available. See more:
http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/AboutUs/News/13-01-29/British_Columbia_s_Fisheries_and_Aquaculture_Sector.aspx

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